IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

JULIE HODGE,)	
Plaintiff,)	1:24-cv-02226
and)	Judge Jorge L. Alonso
NORTHEAST ILLINOIS REGIONAL)	
COMMUTER RAILROAD)	
CORPORATION, d/b/a METRA)	
)	
Defendant.		

PARTIES' AGREED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE FACT DISCOVERY

Plaintiff, JUILIE HODGE, and Defendants NORTHEAST ILLINOIS REGIONAL COMMUTER RAILROAD CORPORATION, d/b/a METRA, by and through their undersigned attorneys, respectfully requests that this Court extend the deadline to complete fact discovery and in support of this motion states the following:

- 1. The initial Complaint in this matter was filed on March 18th, 2024.
- 2. On March 19, 2024, Plaintiff filed her First Amended Complaint.
- 3. On May 6, 2024, Plaintiff filed her Second Amended Complaint in this matter.
- 4. On August 9, 2024, the Defendants filed an Answer to Plaintiff's Second Amended Complaint.
- 5. On June 25, 2024, this Honorable Court set the deadline for the close of fact discovery as December 20, 2024.

- 6. On August 1, 2024, the Defendant tendered initial disclosures to Plaintiff.
- 7. On October 29, 2024, Plaintiff tendered initial disclosures to Defendant.
- 8. On August 15, 2024, the Defendant issued its First Set of Interrogatories and First Request to Produce to Plaintiff.
- 9. On September 29, 2024, Plaintiff issued her First Set of Interrogatories and First Request to Produce to Defendant.
- 10. The Parties had agreed to exchange discovery responses at the same time, but due to Plaintiff's personal and family matters, she was not able to do so.
- 11. Regardless, Defendant issued its responses to Plaintiff's Interrogatories and Request to Produce on December 12, 2024.
- 12. The Parties have agreed that Plaintiff will provide her responses on or before December 31, 2024. Defendant requests an order from the Court reflecting Plaintiff's discovery response deadline.
- 13. The Plaintiff has had some serious personal and family matters that has caused a delay in discovery.
- 14. Because Plaintiff has not provided discovery responses, it has prevented the Parties from scheduling of depositions.
- 15. With the approaching holidays and Plaintiff's personal and family matters, the Parties need more time to complete discovery.
- 16. The parties request up to and including March 31, 2025, to complete discovery.
- 17. No prejudice will be suffered by either party if this Honorable Court were to grant the requested extension.

WHEREFORE, JUILIE HODGE, and Defendants NORTHEAST ILLINOIS REGIONAL COMMUTER RAILROAD CORPORATION, d/b/a METRA, by and through their undersigned attorneys, respectfully requests that this Court grant an extension of the deadline to complete discovery up to and including March 31, 2025.

Dated: December 16, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 16, 2024, I served the foregoing document upon all counsel of record by filing a copy with the Clerk of the Northern District of Illinois using the Court's electronic filing system.

/s/Kendra D. Spearman Kendra D. Spearman Attorney for the Plaintiff